

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 17 and continuing through page 28, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--As a result of these procedures, the disease specific marker having identified as SEQ ID NO: 1 was found. This marker is characterized as a C3f fragment from the complement system having a molecular weight of about 1211 daltons. The characteristic profile of the marker is set forth in the representations as set forth in Figures 2A, and 2B. As easily deduced from the data set forth in Figure 1, this marker is indicative of an individual suffering from myocardial infarction, intracerebral hemorrhage, or congestive heart failure.--

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please add the following relabeled substitute sheets Fig. 2A and Fig. 2B.

REMARKS

The foregoing Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is made to correct the specification relating to multiple copies labeled Figure 2 and to add new substitute sheets relabeled as Fig. 2A and Fig. 2B. No new matter is added. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**" Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 19, lines 6-7, delete the paragraph:

“Figure 2 is the characteristic profile derived via SELDI/TOF MS of the disease specific marker of Figure 1.” and replace it with the following new paragraph:

--Figures 2A, and 2B represent alternative representations of the characteristic profile derived via SELDI/TOF MS of the disease specific marker of Figure 1.--

Page 27, beginning on line 17 and continuing through page 28, line 2, delete the paragraph:

“As a result of these procedures, the disease specific marker having a sequence identified as SEQ ID NO: 1 was found. This marker is characterized as a C3f fragment from the complement system having a molecular weight of about 1211 daltons. The characteristic profile of the marker is set forth in Figure 2. As easily deduced from the data set forth in Figure 1, this marker is indicative of an individual suffering from myocardial infarction, intracerebral hemorrhage, or congestive heart failure.” and replace it with the following new paragraph:

--As a result of these procedures, the disease specific marker identified as SEQ ID NO:1 was found. This marker is characterized as a C3f fragment from the complement system having a molecular weight of about 1211 daltons. The characteristic profile of the marker is set forth in the representations as set forth in Figures 2A, and 2B. As easily deduced from the data set forth in Figure 1, this marker is indicative of an individual suffering from myocardial infarction, intracerebral hemorrhage, or congestive heart failure.--

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace the two sheets of Fig. 2 as originally filed with the substitute sheets of Fig. 2A and Fig. 2B.